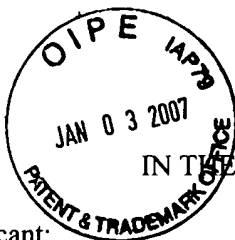


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Applicant: Kaever et al.
Int'l Filing Date: November 5, 2004
Application No.: 10/576,973
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE OCCUPANCY OF MILKING STATIONS OF A MILKING SYSTEM
Docket No.: 10016.526
Express Mail No.: EV915460555US
Date of Deposit: January 3, 2007

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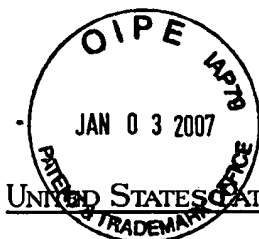
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- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$260 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.
- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because Not in english.

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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 3, 2006,
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1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the Applicants on June 9, 2006 and June 14, 2006.
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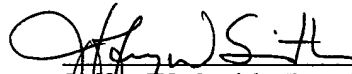
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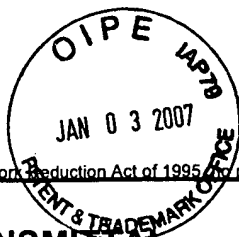
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Having now complied with all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §371, Applicants respectfully request that this application be placed upon the files for examination.

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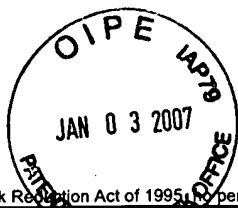
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Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

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